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REF: A) KHARTOUM 3317; B) KHARTOUM 3159 (NOTAL)

1. OAU RESOLUTION ON INTER-AFRICAN MILITARY FORCE WHICH
FINALLY ADOPTED BY SUMMIT DOES NOT DIFFER IN SUBSTANCE
FROM PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (COM) RE-
PORTED REFTEL B. HOWEVER LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION ON MILITARY
INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA WAS STRENGTHENED SOMEWHAT AND GLOSS

OF ANTI-COLONIALIST REHETORIC ADDED TO INTRODUCTORY CLAUSES.
RESOLUTION READS:

A. "STRONGLY DENOUNCES THE POLICY OF FORCE, INTERFERENCE
FROM ANY SOURCE WHATSOEVER AGAINST AFRICA TO RECOLONIZE
THE CONTINENT;

B. CONDEMNS ALL INITIATIVES AND ACTIONS WHICH CONTRAVENE
THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND EN-
COURAGE ATTEMPTS AT DOMINATING AND DIVIDING AFRICA;

C. DECLARES THAT PEACE AND SECURITY OF AFRICAN STATES ARE
CONTINGENT UPON STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF PEOPLES'
RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE AND OF NON-
INTERFERENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, INVIOABILITY OF FRON-
TIERS, NON-RECOURSE TO THE USE OF FORCE AND NON-RECOGNITION
OF TERRITORIAL ACQUISITION BY USE OF FORCE AND THAT DIFFER-
ENCES SHOULD BE SETTLED BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND WITHIN AN
AFRICAN CONTEXT;

D. DRAWS MEMBER STATES' ATTENTION TO THE DANGERS TO THE
PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE WHOLE CONTINENT BY PACTS THAT
ENCOURAGE INTERFERENCE AND MILITARY INTERVENTION AND HAMPER
THE LIBERATION PROCESS OF PEOPLES;

E. SOLEMNLY DECLARES THAT, IN ALL CASES, THE SECURITY OF
AFRICA IS THE CONCERN OF AFRICANS ONLY AND THAT NO POWER OR
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GROUP OF POWERS OUTSIDE AFRICA IS TO INTERFERE IN THIS
RESPECT.

F. REITERATES ITS FIRM CONDEMNATION OF THE TENDENCY OF
CERTAIN NON-AFRICAN POWERS TO USE MERCENARIES AGAINST THE
SECURITY, INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF AFRICAN STATES
AND TO ESTABLISH THEIR COMINATION AND MAINTAIN A CLIMATE
OF TENSION AND CONFLICT IN THE CONTINENT;

G. REAFFIRMS ITS WILL TO WORK TOWARDS THE ELIMINATION OF
FOREIGN MILITARY BASES AND TO OPPOSE ALL POWER BLOCS AND
DIVISIONIST POLICIES."

2. WHILE WARNING NON-AFRICAN POWERS NOT TO CREATE INTER-
AFRICAN MILITARY FORCE OUTSIDE OF OAU, OAU ITSELF HAS NOT
TAKEN ANY CONCRETE MEASURES TO ESTABLISH SUCH A FORCE
UNDER OAU AEGIS. OAU APPEARS TO BE MATURING AS AN INTER-
NATIONAL INSTITUTION, BUT DOES NOT YET HAVE CAPABILITY TO
FORM PEACE-KEEPING MECHANISM SIMILAR TO UN. HOWEVER, AS
FAR AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, NO TRULY CONTINENTAL ORGANIZATION
HAS BEEN ABLE TO EITHER.

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